

TOMORROW

Learning... Why Procter & Gamble, long considered to be marketing wizards, are having to change their ideas.

SDP and Liberal leaders split on candidate selection

Clear differences have emerged at the top of the Liberal-Social Democratic Party Alliance over the way it should develop the deeper relationship agreed as an objective by Mr David Steel and Dr David Owen at their first talks soon after the general election.



Money figures soothe the City

By Frances Williams, Economic Correspondent. Fears that the Government is contemplating tougher money and fiscal policies this autumn were allayed yesterday by publication of official figures showing a sharp slowdown in the pace of monetary growth and state borrowing last month.

Gaddafi napalms Chad town

Libyan fighter-bombers resumed their assault on Chad Government positions in the desert outpost of Faya-Largeau, pounding the area with bombs and napalm, but striking mostly residential buildings and causing extensive civilian casualties.

Man shot dead after fracas with soldiers

A teenager was shot dead by a soldier yesterday after a fracas with other members of an army foot patrol in West Belfast. Within hours of Thomas Reilly's death from a single shot near his home in the Turf Lodge area there was fresh rioting after a day in which there had been a "tense" atmosphere in the strongly republican area.

Night-shift workers had secret dormitory

Night-shift workers at the Plessey microchip factory at Swindon were sleeping on the job in secretly constructed bedrooms, an industrial tribunal in Bristol was told yesterday.

British Rail turns in £5m profit

By Michael Bailey, Transport Editor. British Rail expects to break even this year after last year's £176m loss. In the first half of this year it made a profit of £5m compared with a £81m loss last year.

Thatcher prepares to relax

Mrs Thatcher arriving at Downing Street yesterday before taking off for her summer break at a luxury Swiss chalet on Thursday or Friday.

Smoke deaths

Two people were killed yesterday when their car was involved in collision with a lorry and a chemical tanker after burning farm stubble formed a wall of smoke across the A19 near Thirsk, north Yorkshire.

TV damages

An American woman television presenter aged 37, has won £330,000 damages after losing her job because her boss thought her "too old and too unattractive".

Tax hits 40%

Taxes in Britain have risen more sharply than those in any other leading industrial country in the last two years. They increased from 36 to 40 per cent of the national income.

Poll cliff-hanger

Nigeria's presidential election appeared to be turning into a cliff-hanger when new results showed President Shagari recouping early losses.

Price boom

American buyers have helped to push up the prices of luxury London houses by more than 20 per cent since the autumn.

Racing inquiry

Jockey Club officials interviewed a jockey allegedly involved in a race-fixing circle and asked the public for help in its inquiries.

Fowler out

Andy Lloyd, the Warwickshire opening batsman, has been called into the England 12 for the third Test match against New Zealand as a replacement for Graeme Fowler.

Guatemala coup leader promises early election

Rightist military commanders who carried out an efficiently executed coup on Monday quickly gained control in the capital and pledged to combat communism, hold elections and restore judicial processes.

Ed Moses outpaces his laces

Ed Moses of the United States, with one shoe-lace undone, scored his eighty-first consecutive victory, and while doing so put a clear second behind himself and the rest of the field in the final of the 400 metres hurdles at the World Athletics Championships in Helsinki yesterday.

Delays in ordnance sell-off

The Government's intention to privatize Britain's Royal Ordnance Factories is believed by some trade unions, whose 18,500 members work in them, to have run into so much opposition that it will be delayed even further.

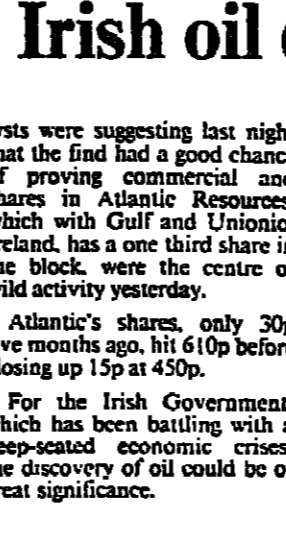
US company admits Irish oil discovery

Gulf Oil yesterday admitted that oil had been discovered, possibly in commercial quantities, off the coast of the Irish Republic. The American oil company announced the discovery yesterday, prompting a new wave of "oil fever" on the Dublin and London Stock Exchanges amid increasing speculation over the importance of the find.

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Advertisement for Palace-on-Wheels train, featuring an image of the train and text describing the experience.

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# Jockey interviewed after allegations of big race-fixing racket

By Richard Evans

The first of 15 jockeys allegedly involved in a race-fixing swindle was interviewed yesterday by Jockey Club security chiefs.

The rider, aged 23, who is retained by a top trainer, spent nearly four hours at the Jockey Club headquarters in Portman Square, central London, before leaving by a back door.

Last night the head of Racecourse Security Services (RSS), the club's own police force, appealed to the public to help its investigation into claims that the 15 jockeys received up to £1,000 a race for fixing the results.

Mr Peter Smiles, director of RSS, said: "We have received information from several sources containing allegations about certain races. We are pursuing inquiries and are interviewing several people connected with racing."

"The proper authorities will be informed of any suspected offence, either of a criminal nature or a breach of the rules of racing, should they be disclosed."

"Our inquiries are expected to last for several weeks. We would appreciate any information, however trivial, which would assist in our inquiries."

The investigation mounted by Mr Smiles is one of the biggest in racing history. It will centre on claims that a classic-winning jockey was paid £6,000 to take part in crooked races; that another leading rider was given cash and gifts for his daughter; that a senior jockey received £1,200 worth of garden machinery; and that a promising young jockey has regularly accepted bribes.

The security chief has been given the name of a Derbyshire gambler who has been described as the coordinator of the race-fixing operation. He allegedly paid the jockeys up to £1,000 a time to fix races.

The allegations come after an investigation by *The Sun* which was passed on to the Jockey Club. A club spokesman said yesterday they were being treated extremely seriously.

If any of the jockeys are found to have fixed races the penalty is likely to be life disqualification from riding as well as criminal proceedings.



Mr Peter Smiles: Appeal for public's help.

# US buyers top luxury homes list in London

By Baron Phillips Property Correspondent

American expatriates have replaced Arabs as the main buyers of luxury homes in London, and have helped to push that market up by at least a fifth since last autumn, according to a leading estate agent.

Mr Nicholas Couper, a partner in the firm Savills, said yesterday: "The prime reason must, of course, be the return of confidence in the London Stock Exchange, which has increased some 30 per cent in the same period, and the general increase in confidence on the economic front, although this is still somewhat fragile."

Prices were given a boost earlier in the year when there was an acute shortage of good-size family homes in popular central London locations such as Knightsbridge, south Kensington, and Chelsea.

At the top end of the market, roughly anything over £250,000, foreign buyers have kept estate agents busy and prices buoyant over the past 10 months.

Last autumn the market was dominated by buyers from the Middle East, West Africa (Nigeria in particular), and the Far East, especially Hongkong and Singapore.

The steadily weakening of sterling against the dollar has tempted leading United States banks and financial institutions to buy homes for their executives rather than rent houses and flats, which can cost anything between £1,000 and £2,000 a week.

Apart from businessmen based in London, demand has been apparent from foreign buyers keen to invest in the international property market. Buyers who moved to Paris and New York after the last big prices boom are finding their way back to London, Savills say. One reason for that is stability on the streets and in central Government.

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On view: A portrait of the Prince of Wales by Ben Rubbra, one of 60 contemporary portraits on exhibition until August 26 at the King Street Galleries in south-west London (Photograph: David Cairns).

# Callers to Met Office 'should pay £3'

By Clive Cookson Technology Correspondent

The Meteorological Office should charge the public £3 for every telephone call to a forecaster at a weather centre, a government report recommends. Such calls are free at present.

A joint team from the Management and Personnel Office and the Ministry of Defence has reviewed the Meteorological Office as part of the government efficiency programme.

The report praises the Meteorological Office's services and its international pre-eminence but says users must contribute much more to the costs.

Answering 1,500,000 telephone calls a year from the public costs £5.2m, the report estimates. Every weather centre has a listed number giving direct access to a forecaster, and meteorological staff at many airfields, when available, also give free forecasts to callers.

Businesses are supposed to subscribe to the Meteorological Office's paying services, but about a third of the free calls are for business purposes - the service is abused, for example, by builders posing as ordinary members of the public.

The report says most public needs could be met by the recorded forecasts on the Automatic Telephone Weather Service or through radio and television bulletins.

Under the scheme proposed, a caller would give the forecaster his name and address, and a standard invoice would be mailed to him. Chasing unpaid debts would be uneconomic, the report concedes, and the system would rely on the honour of its customers.

The West German weather service successfully operates a similar system, charging callers 10 marks each.

Now most of the material is being studied and valued by experts in the Hague.

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# Coaches 'beating British Rail'

Railway watchdogs have been travelling by bus to assess the competition for inter-city travel. Their verdict is that the traditional slogan "It's quicker by train" is not always true and even the bus coffee is cheaper.

Members of the Yorkshire Area Transport Users Committee yesterday issued a report on their survey of train and coach travel. It concludes: "British Rail must improve the quality of its inter-city services if they are to combat the challenge of the coach on long-distance routes."

The committee established that the factors which influence passengers to choose train or coach were price, journey-time, comfort facilities, and personal preference.

A check on prices showed that almost all fares from Yorkshire were cheaper by coach than by train, although a new £7.50 day return from Leeds to Carlisle introduced a fortnight ago by British Rail, is 27 per cent less than the coach fare. Journey times vary with the time of day.

A comparison on 17 routes showed that on five it was quicker by coach. It takes 50 minutes from Leeds to Sheffield in the morning by coach and the corresponding train takes one hour 23 minutes.

A spot check during May, June and July showed that 83 per cent of inter-city trains ran within 10 minutes of the advertised time but 3 per cent were more than 30 minutes late. Coach journey times quoted by National Express were generally realistic, but some coaches ran late.

Train passengers usually have wider seats, more leg room and more space for luggage. Only a few long-distance coaches have lavatories. Catering was more limited on coaches, but a cup of coffee cost only 25p, compared with 31p on a train.

Mr James Towler, chairman of the committee, said they had found many coach passengers who used to travel by train but had deserted the railways. Most had been attracted by lower journey costs.

He added: "It is important that British Rail should provide the quality of the service necessary to sustain the price differential."

# Computers to try a marathon

The London Computer Marathon, a seven-day test of microcomputer speed and reliability, starts today.

Six rival business microcomputers will be running the same repetitive program, sorting and resorting large amounts of data, under the scrutiny of referees who will count the number of times each machine breaks down and the number of times the program is completed.

The event was sponsored by Micro Networks, British distributor of the Japanese-made Samurai S-16, in an attempt to prove its superior reliability.

According to the company, only four other manufacturers or distributors accepted the challenge to race against the Samurai: two foreign companies (Olivetti of Italy and Wang of the United States) and two British (Comart and LSI).

# Open verdict on bridge fall man

An open verdict was returned yesterday on Mr Graham Wood, a solicitor, who fell 200 feet from the Clifton Suspension Bridge in Bristol last Wednesday.

Mr Donald Hawkins, the city coroner, said that he was not satisfied that Mr Wood, aged 35, who had been practising at Gillingham, Dorset, had intended to take his life. Mr Wood died from multiple injuries.

# Passengers hurt in bus smash

Four passengers were treated for shock yesterday after a bus driver took a wrong turn and jammed his double decker under a low railway bridge in Glebe Street, Stoke-on-Trent. The impact ripped off two thirds of the upper deck.

# Cat cleared

Veterinary surgeons are sure that a cat brought into Britain from Holland and now in quarantine at Penrith, Cumbria, does not have rabies, the Ministry of Agriculture said yesterday.

# Microcomputer-designed for medical workers

By Bill Johnstone, Electronics Correspondent

Nurses, doctors and health visitors are being wooed by British Telecom, which has designed a microcomputer for the medical profession.

The system, which will be launched next spring, is called Chain (Community Health Advanced Information Network). It is being made by Acorn, the manufacturers of the BBC microcomputer.

In the coming months Merlin, British Telecom's business group, will be trying to persuade local health authorities to buy the equipment and link it to their central computer systems. Then nurses or health visitors will be able to have displays, messages or their patients. The system has been designed to interface with Prestel, the videotex system of British Telecom.

The device is the result of research which convinced the corporation that there was an untapped market. The corporation found that 48 per cent of health visitors' time and 28 per cent of district nurses' time was taken up with non-clinical work.

British Telecom says the system will "help clinical staff to have more time for their clinical duties".

The system will cost about £1,000, although it can also be leased.

Acorn which won the contract on open tender, has manufactured more than 140,000 BBC microcomputers. This month it will launch a new home computer, the Electron, which is expected to sell for about £200.

# All-music TV channel to start next year

By Bill Johnstone Electronics Correspondent

An 11-hour music television channel is to be launched via cable in Britain next year, a consortium led by Virgin records.

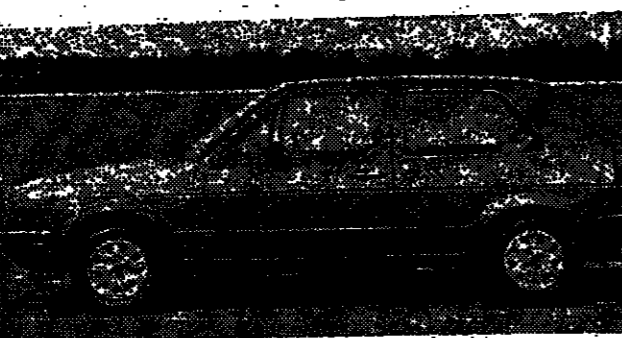
The channel of popular and light music will eventually operate 24 hours a day.

The first venture of Cable Music will be an hour of popular music beamed by satellite across Europe from September 11 on Satellite Television.

The satellite company is now broadcasting on the European Orbital Test Satellite (OTS) but from next January it will use ECS-1 the new European satellite, to transmit its programmes into Britain.

Satellite Television, which is 65 per cent owned by News International, which owns *Times Newspapers*, *The Sun* and *the News of the World*, will from January 1 broadcast a channel offering a five hour selection of news, sport, music and light entertainment.

# Golf challenge to Japan



Volkswagen has invested £500m in a new "robot factory" to manufacture the successor to its best-selling golf range (above). It is claimed to be the first factory in Europe to challenge Japan's leadership in automated car production (Our Motoring Correspondent writes).

The West German company appears to have made a great improvement in the final assembly stage, where until now it has proved impossible to develop robots capable of performing the hundreds of intricate movements necessary to install equipment and trim.

The new Golf is on a par with the Ford Sierra as one of the most aerodynamically efficient cars in production. It is also longer and wider, which has enabled the space for back-seat passengers and luggage.

Petrol consumption for its new 1.3 litre engine is 20 per cent better than the 1.1 litre unit it replaces.

The new Golf will not be on sale in Britain until March, although it will be available in Germany in the autumn.

# Pensioners go to college

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Old and retired people are flocking to join 24-year groups in London to study art, English, history, French, psychology, and politics at the new University of the Third Age (UTA). The 260 members who are responsible for their own teaching and learning, do not receive degrees.

"Our use of the word university is not that of current usage", Dr Sidney Jones, USA's academic administrator and head of the education department at the Polytechnic of North London said. "We are harking back to medieval times."

Based in London University's Department of Extra-mural Studies, the university is being supported by institutions interested in offering courses for its students. So far the Courtauld Institute, King's College, Thames Polytechnic, the polytechnics of North and Central London, Kingsway, Princeton College, and three adult education institutes have said they want an association.

Modelled on the French *Université de Troisième Age*, of which there are more than 60 in France, the development is important socially and educationally, according to Dr Jones.



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# Nigeria poll turns into cliff-hanger as Shagari recovers losses

Lagos (Reuters) - Nigeria's presidential election yesterday appeared to be turning into a cliff-hanger when a second batch of results showed President Shagari scoring some handsome gains to offset early losses.

With only six state results out of 19 declared it was still too early to predict the outcome, but a seesaw battle was clearly under way and excited Nigerians stayed close to their radios to pick up the latest developments.

In the first two results announced just after midnight, President Shagari, of the ruling National Party of Nigeria (NPN), saw his main rival, Chief Obafemi Awolowo of the Unity Party of Nigeria (UPN), making inroads into his support.

But the latest batch of results showed President Shagari turning the tables on Chief Awolowo by snapping up 20 per cent in Ondo state, one of four western states dominated by the Yoruba tribe, the backbone of the UPN.

In the 1979 election, which ended 13 years of military rule, Mr Shagari managed to win only 4 per cent of the Ondo vote.

In Bauchi state, Mr Shagari picked up a 1.5 million votes, adding 20 per cent to the 62.5 per cent share of the poll he won in 1979. He also won over-

whelmingly in Abuja, the projected new national capital, where he took 127,000 votes against only 4,000 for his nearest rival.

Bauchi compensated for the 1.2 million votes which Chief Awolowo won in his home state of Ondo, but the UPN leader also managed to win 1.4 million votes in Ogun, despite dropping 17 per cent from his 1979 share.

According to incomplete returns, Chief Awolowo was also doing well in Bendel state, to the east of Lagos, where the NPN had hopes of a majority, and in Cross River, where the UPN had been expected to gain after a squabble within the NPN leadership.

In Lagos, another Awolowo stronghold, the UPN won nearly 1.4 million votes, over 83 per cent, while President Shagari marginally increased his share to 7.7 per cent.

The President also lost support in Niger state, dropping about 11 per cent. Here it was the candidate of the Nigerian People's Party (NPP), Mr Nnamdi Azikiwe, who gained, but there were no signs that his challenge to the two leading contenders would be serious.

According to sources at the Federal Electoral Commission (Fecoco), Mr Shagari was doing much better than expected in the eastern states of Imo and Anambra, the NPP strongholds

and the heartland of Mr Azikiwe's Ibo tribe.

Mr Azikiwe is one of two candidates who have filed legal actions against Fecoco's handling of the election, claiming widespread malpractices.

The Fecoco chairman, Mr Victor Ovie-Whiskey, said the NPP suit was not in the proper legal form, but he had launched an investigation into the allegations and promised justice would be done if they were found to be justified.

The other candidate who has complained is Mr Waziri Ibrahim, candidate of the Great Nigerian People's Party (GNPP), which has had big internal splits and lost ground in nearly all the results declared so far.

GNPP officials said Mr Ibrahim had started a court action against Fecoco but could give no more details.

They could not explain why the GNPP, alone of the six parties contesting the elections, was not endorsing the Fecoco announcements. Fecoco officials said they had no comment.

The News Agency of Nigeria reported from Sokoto state, Mr Shagari's home, in the north-west, that members of three parties, including the UPN and the NPP, had withdrawn their observers from the count in protest against the conduct of the election there.



Falklands duty: WRACS arriving in the islands get their first glimpse of Port Stanley. They are (from front): Privates Fiona Garcock, Marie Ferris, Lorraine Ewing, and Lance-Corporals Lorraine Sanderson and Anne Burman.

## Kasparov wants Korchnoi match to be played

From Richard Owen, Moscow

Gary Kasparov, Russia's brilliant young chess grandmaster, said yesterday that his abandoned world championship semi-final match with Viktor Korchnoi should be played after all. He criticized the International Chess Federation (Fide) for awarding the match to Korchnoi by default last Saturday.

Neither Kasparov nor Maslly Smyslov, the other Soviet semi-finalist, turned up for their matches. Kasparov had been due to meet Korchnoi in Pasadena, California, while Smyslov was to play Zoltan Ribli off Hungary in Abu Dhabi.

The Soviet authorities who drew from both games, protesting that the Pasadena match should have been staged in Rotterdam and that Abu Dhabi was too hot for chess.

Chess sources said that Soviet officials objected to Soviet players facing Korchnoi, who defected from Russia in 1976, and had doubts about security arrangements for Kasparov in Pasadena, which is closed to Russian diplomats.

In a statement issued by Tass, Kasparov, who is aged 20,

did not travel to Moscow last weekend as expected but remained at his home in Baku, in Azerbaijan. Contacted by telephone he said he did not believe that Anatoly Karpov, the reigning world champion, would recognise the validity of Fide's action or agree to meet either Korchnoi or Ribli to contest the championship. Asked if the crisis in world chess caused by the Soviet withdrawal could be resolved, Kasparov replied that this was "only the beginning".

In a separate statement, the Soviet Chess Federation said Mr Florencio Campomanes, Fides President, had acted unlawfully and had staged "an unworthy farce" at Pasadena. The Soviet federation said it would raise the matter at the next Fide congress in October and demand that the decision by Mr Campomanes should be reversed.

## Black anger at removal of Zambian archbishop

Lusaka (AP) - Some Zambian Roman Catholics say the apparent forced resignation of Mgr Emmanuel Milingo, the Archbishop of Lusaka, proves the church remains totally in the control of whites.

"This has proved clearly that it is a white man's church where the voice of the black man will never be heard", Mr Clemens Lewis, a Zambian Catholic said.

Interviews with about 10 other Catholics showed that nearly all were disappointed that Mgr Milingo, who had been criticized for faith healing with witchdoctor overtones, had resigned. But there was no immediate evidence of any organized effort to break with the Vatican, as some Zambian Catholics had previously threatened.

There were fears in the Vatican that Mgr Milingo's case could have serious repercussions in Zambia and among Africa's 50 million Catholics. The church's membership is growing faster on this continent than anywhere else, but it has been forced to deal with the problem of how much local culture to allow into religious services.

The Vatican announced at the weekend that Mgr Milingo, ordered to Rome 16 months ago for medical tests, had resigned to take a post as a special delegate to the pontifical commission for migration and tourism.

## Seychelles' dashed dreams

### Tourist industry hit by political fears

The Seychelles' single official party won another term unchallenged in this week's Assembly elections. LESLIE PLOMER, recently in Victoria, looks at why after six years in power, economic success continues to elude the Government.

The Seychelles came as a shock to the British bank manager after two other postings in Africa.

"Those were basket countries. This is not. The leaders here are honourable people. They tell you what they are going to do, and then they do it. They keep agreements - they even pay back types of development loans which most governments never repay," he said.

In the socialist Government's view, too many Seychellois still sit under palm trees drinking toddy, but fundamentally the Seychelles, free of many intractable Third World World problems, works.

Administration is smooth, people make decisions and President Albert René, who seized power in 1977 promising corruption-free government, has kept his promise.

The grey marble flooring on one official's business establishment may resemble uncannily the facade on the new Central Bank building, but as a whole

fearing that its children will end up not at Oxford but at a North Korean Poly.

Unsure of the Government's intentions, one of the worst affected sectors has been the crucial tourist industry. Accounting for 70 per cent of the country's foreign exchange earnings and 40 per cent of gross domestic product, this motor of development in the Seychelles has consistently fallen since the 1979 peak of 78,000 visitors. The number had plunged to 47,000 by last year reducing hotel occupancy to 38 per cent.

"At first the Government said: 'Tourism is the butter on our bread'. Now they see it is the bread", one hotelier said. A strong Government drive has brought a 17 per cent increase in arrivals in the first six months of this year, but with a bigger package-tour element the resulting revenue is 10 per cent below the 1982 level.

Political uncertainty has taken its toll on tourism, but so have high prices, with tourists often paying four-star rates for two-star or three-star service.

The Government blames managements for failing to train staff, and management blames the Government's full employment policy for foisting too many unqualified people into hotel service.

A government ceiling on hotel prices, now in its third year, has sent hotel capital running elsewhere for higher returns, leaving the Government to take over many hotels.

Overmanning in the public service and security forces also takes its toll on the Government itself. To meet commitments at home, government borrowing from the Central Bank has increased sharply - from £2.8m in early 1982 to £6.1m in early 1983 - while the tourist slump has reduced foreign-exchange reserves to six weeks' supply.

The search for public funds has brought new income and trade taxes which together provide half the Government's revenue.

Ministers hope that improved tourism will give them breathing space to improve the country's grim export problems. But offshore oil exploration by Amoco and dreams of metallic nodules on the sea bed will take years to realize.

Meanwhile, the value and volume of copra, the main export, has dropped drastically, and high-technology fishing projects by European advisers have yet to succeed. Partly because Seychellois fishermen dislike staying at sea overnight.

"The priority is to slow consumption while we build tourism," Mr Guy Morel, Principal Secretary for Finance and Industry, told *The Times*. Indeed, imports early this year were down 30 per cent on early 1982. "But people will not accept this for long. Education and the lifestyle of tourists have given them expectations," he said.



Mr Morel: Consumption must slow down.

the Government probably rates as one of the cleanest in the world.

"There are probably some 'insurance policies', but by and large this is a very clean operation. Aid is spent quickly and efficiently" on projects as agreed, and American expert said.

Economic prospects are far from bright, however. Social programmes and wage increases of between 50 and 100 per cent in most sectors since 1977 are stretching public revenue to the danger line during a period of recession.

Compounding this, increased government intervention in an economy which is still mixed, has disturbed local and foreign private business interests, as has a continuing government programme of compulsory land acquisitions paid not in cash but in Seychelles bonds.

A brain drain of 1,600 emigrants a year continues, prompted partly by educational decline under the new state system which is tied to a policy of Third World cooperation that leaves the middle class

## Nagasaki remembers

Nagasaki (AP) - Amid tolling church bells, prayers for peace, and the arrival of an American nuclear-powered aircraft carrier nearby, Nagasaki yesterday marked the thirty-eighth anniversary of its destruction by an atomic bomb.

It was on August 9, 1945, that this port city, 614 miles southwest of Tokyo, was bombed, leaving an estimated 74,000 people dead or dying.

There were 20,000 people at the ceremony at a memorial park built at the explosion's hypocentre. They heard Mr Hitoshi Notojima, the Mayor of Nagasaki, propose a peace mission be sent to the United States and the Soviet Union to break the mutual distrust between the two superpowers. There was a demand at the ceremony for a world nuclear arms ban.

There were protests, too, at the arrival at nearby Sasebo of the United States carrier Midway to unload arms.

WASHINGTON: Anti-nuclear demonstrators were pouring a red liquid on the Pentagon steps to mark the Nagasaki anniversary.

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# A word in the right place

Annie Glenn has just been in New England, campaigning on behalf of her husband, John Glenn, the former astronaut and two-term senator from Ohio who is now seeking the Democratic nomination for president.

This in itself would be no extraordinary feat for most American political wives, for they are expected to involve themselves in their husband's campaigns to a much greater extent than are their counterparts in Britain. However, for Mrs Glenn the series of speeches she delivered in New Hampshire, Maine and Connecticut represented a personal triumph over a disability she has suffered all her life. She is a stammerer.

Before she underwent therapy, Mrs Glenn stumbled over 85 per cent of the words she spoke. Even the most casual conversation with her husband could be a taxing experience. It meant she never dared order her own meal in a restaurant. For her the telephone was "the invention of the devil" which she always got her husband or her children to answer whenever possible. A speech of any kind was inconceivable to a woman who would even stumble over "Gee whizz".

For years Mrs Glenn stoically lived with her affliction, supported by her family and their many friends who would patiently wait as she laboured her way through simple conversations. But when her husband emerged as a national hero after becoming the first American to orbit the earth in 1962 she became increasingly self-conscious of her handicap, the more so when John Glenn became active in politics.

During his first political campaign Mrs Glenn was so stung by reporters describing her as shy that she called a press conference to set the record straight. "A lot of you," she began haltingly, "I hurt m-my t-f-feelings, b-b-because a lot of people have called me shy, b-b-b-but I'm not s-shy, I s-s-stammer."

According to a friend, there were tears streaming down the faces of reporters by the time she finished speaking.

Over the years Mrs Glenn had tried various forms of therapy but without success. However, in 1974 she began a revolutionary speech therapy course at Hollins College, near Roanoke in Virginia. "The course was very intense," she told me during a break in the campaign with her husband through the Midwest. "It was a matter of total immersion for three weeks."

During the first week she had to say the sounds of letters of the alphabet at two-second intervals, over and over and over again. If she got it wrong or hesitated, a green light would shine and she would have to start once more.

She was also taught how to control the muscles one uses when talking through rhythmic

drills designed to slow down speech and correct breathing.

The second week, she had to go through the letters of the alphabet at one-second intervals, and she began to take part in group sessions with other stammerers undergoing therapy. The third week, she began to make practice phone calls to airlines and railway stations and practice visits to shopping centres. She made a point of going to shoe shops so that she could practice the "sh" sound, one of the most difficult for stammerers.

The effect of the therapy was remarkable. She says some of her friends cried when she telephoned them to show how she had progressed. However, she was still far from cured, and it took another session at Hollins College, numerous visits to a private speech therapist and hours of practice at home before she felt confident enough to speak in public.

Mrs Glenn is still not word perfect. In conversation with her, it is sometimes possible to see her engaged in a silent mental struggle before a word emerges. There are other telltale hesitations. Occasionally, when she gets tired, she changes from speaking at normal speed to what she describes as "slow normal", rather like a car changing gear when going up hill. She will remain in "slow normal" until she is confident she can return to a faster pace of conversation.

Considering the extent of her stammer, her ability to overcome it has been extraordinary. Originally she hoped to improve enough simply to be able to exchange small talk at social functions which her husband had to attend. She never dreamt of making her own speeches or, as she has been doing on her New England tour, answering questions about her husband's policies.

Mrs Glenn is widely considered by American political observers to be a big asset to her husband's campaign for the presidency. Her warmth and charm compensate for the reserve he frequently displays in public.

When she accompanies him on campaign trips, she invariably can be seen trailing behind her husband as she stops to chat to people or to shake a few extra hands. Senator Glenn often refers to her as his "copilot", and they undoubtedly make a good team. She not only provides him with a "human dimension" but also assists him as full-time but unpaid staffer.

But even with her present fluency she can still never relax completely. "I'll always be a stammerer. But I'm determined never to go back to my old ways." To ensure this does not happen she makes three practice telephone calls every day and records herself so that she can hear where she hesitates or makes a mistake.

How Mrs John Glenn overcame a stammer to help her astronaut husband in his campaign to be president



Speaking freely now: John and Annie Glenn with their grandchild

## JOANNA LUMLEY'S DIARY

### Just a minotaur

The palace at Knossos was far larger and grander than I had dreamed it would be. At my insistence, we joined a lot of keen visitors led at breakfast speed by a sweating guide, who appeared to be reading the information off our shirt fronts, ending every sentence with "... as I have just told you". Our illustrated map showed us how it was 3,000 years ago: terrace after terrace of heavy, cool verandahs, supported by hundreds of huge black and red pillars; vast, cool chambers and grand staircases with alabaster walls and porphyry basins.

The few remaining frescoes were in clear, bright colours and of pleasing and sophisticated design. Jane, who is of Minoan proportions (just over 5ft), fell in love with the queen's bathroom, with its hippath, lavatory and running water. The queen had chosen to have dolphins painted on the bedroom walls, they being symbols both of the joy of life and of music.

Outside, the white-hot dusty air was full of the clamour of cicadas; inside (as I have just told you) cool air circulated through skylights and windows as we sat where the high priests sat on marble benches, while the guide studied our knee caps. We didn't find the Labyrinth, or Ariadne's thread; but we saw the theatre, the sacred storage vaults and throne rooms, and Lucius gave me a perfect replica of the famous Knossos bull's head.

On the beach at Sitia, we hired a

pedalo and the boys rented canoes. Business was slack so we were allowed to use them for as long as we liked. "Isn't it easy!" we cried, pedalling madly towards the harbour: under us, the turquoise water showed the sandy sea bed: in the distance an old man was wrestling bravely with a windsurfer. No sooner had he gone up, jerking like a puppet, then he dragged it, in slow motion, back on himself in the water.

A light breeze helped us across the bay. "Isn't this easy-peasy!" we shrieked, our knees going like pistons, as we covered league after league of slightly choppy water. We sang "All the nice girls love a sailor" and "A life on the ocean wave": the shore was half a mile away, and we slogged seawater on our backs to stop our shoulders burning. The boys were nearly at Rhodes, flying along like lammergeysers.

On the way back, a light gale got up and, try as we might, we could only just tread water, never advancing an inch. The wind whipped the songs from our lips. (Hercules, given the alternative of mucking out the Augean Stables or going round Sitia Bay in a pedalo, positively sprinted for his pūchfork.) In the distance, I saw the old man submerging for the fourteenth time. Two hours later, shaking with fatigue, we crawled back to base just in time to see senex triumphantus up and going for the first time. His grey face could be seen through the plastic window of the sail, as he sped inexorably towards the shore, straight out of the water,

on to the sand and over a bathing towel.

On the menu: Orange Luince, Tost, Vuter, Socolate and Ojam; under Warm Suggestions came Lombster, Proc Cuttle, Gold Fish, Sex Bream, Lamp Shops, Chorse Pies and Shrimbs, followed by Nucs, Ice Cream and Creek. We ate like Olympians.

One day in London before leaving for Italy to test drive a new car. At the last minute I have my shoulder-length locks cut off, and emerge looking curiously similar to Doris Day.

Early morning in the Piazza del Campo in Siena. We have police permission to drive the car anywhere, even up one-way streets. The car is being lined up for the next shot so we take a cappuccino break.

Pigeons wheel in the pale sunlight; the client, explaining one of the finer points of the car, sends the coffee in a fast, low backhand all over my cream coat and skirt. The waiter brings me a saucer of soda water and I retire to the lavatory where I drench the stains to dilute them. There are no towels, only a hot air machine to dry your hands. Ideal. Take off skirt, activate machine and hold damp clothing under roaring blast. Man enters, not Italian. Try to mime accident for him and show him now invisible marks on skirt. He looks balefully at my bare legs and high heels and gives me a wide berth.

them slowly and the fat drips away of its own accord unaccompanied by juices from the meat.

Serve the roast duck, or pork, with thin, well-flavoured gravy and glazed plums.

Glazed plums  
Serves four

8 ripe, but firm plums  
2 tablespoons melted butter  
1 small clove garlic, bruised  
2 tablespoons honey  
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Cut the plums in halves and twist to separate and remove the stones.

Add a hint of garlic to the butter by heating the bruised garlic clove in it for a few minutes then removing it, or by squeezing a little of the garlic into the butter. Stir in the honey and cinnamon.

Grease an ovenproof dish which will hold the plums in one layer and arrange them in the dish, cut side uppermost. Paint the plums with the flavoured butter and bake them in a preheated moderate oven (180°C/350°F, gas mark 4) for about 15 minutes, basting once or twice. The plums should be tender but not falling apart, and can be finished under a hot grill if the oven has been switched off to rest the duck before carving.

Plums poached in wine  
Serves six

600g (2lbs) firm plums  
110g (4oz) sugar  
250ml (9 fl oz) Madeira or medium sherry

To peel the plums drop them, a few at a time, into boiling water. Remove them after 30 seconds and the skins should peel easily.

Put the sugar in a large pan with 300ml (1/2) water. Heat slowly until the sugar dissolves, then simmer the syrup for 10 minutes and add the wine.

Bring the syrup back to a simmer and add half the plums. Poach them gently until they are tender, probably about 10 minutes, then remove them to a serving dish with a slotted spoon. Cook the remaining plums the same way and add them to the dish. Reduce the poaching liquid to a slightly thickened syrup by fast boiling, and pour it over the fruit.

Lightly toast the almond flakes until they are a pale, golden brown and scatter over the plums just before serving.

Nicholas Ashford

## THE TIMES COOK



Shona Crawford Peole

As plums go, Victorias are reliable but an unexciting variety from the taste point of view. Greenages, of which there are several types, have the flavour I like best, but there are dozens of different sorts of home grown plums ripening from now till the end of September.

Sour, unripe plums, or green-gauges, can be cooked to make excellent garnishes for rich meats like roast pork, or ducks which have been reared for the table. The sharpness of the fruit cuts the fattiness of meats like these. In the case of duck it seems to me almost sinful to coat the skin with sticky orange or cherry sauces, and the glazed plums I am suggesting are quite different.

But first, the duck must be roasted so that the skin is crisp and dry while the flesh beneath it is tender and succulent. Spit-roasting does this brilliantly and so do fan-assisted electric ovens. I do not even bother to season ducks before cooking them with either method.

Using a conventional oven, the best way I have found to roast a duck is to set it on a rack over a tin to catch the fat and to slow roast it for 30 minutes to the pound, plus 30 minutes, in a pre-heated moderate oven (180°C/350°F, gas mark 4). I have given up pricking ducks for the oven by pricking them with darning needles to encourage the fat to run out. Roast

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SOCIAL NEWS

The Prince of Wales, patron, British Film Institute, will attend a dinner to celebrate the institute's fiftieth anniversary at Guildhall on October 5.

Birthdays today

Mr John Allidie, 54; Sir Hugo Boothby, 76; Sir Frank Bowden, 74; Dame Gillian Brown, 60; Mrs Justice Butler, 52; General Sir George Cooper, 58; Professor Alexander Goehr, 51; Cardinal Leonard Gray, 73; Lord Kahn, 78; Mr Gordon Lickorish, 62; Lord Lisle, 80; Air Chief Marshal Sir William Macdonald, 75; Miss Kate George, 74; Mr John Macpherson, 70; Major-General Sir Humphry Tollemache, 86; Sir Lindsay Wellington, 82; Mr W. T. Wells, OC, 72; Sir John Spencer, 79; Mr H. Wright, VC, 67; Mr George Wynn-Williams, 71.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy CAPTAIN R. J. HARRISON to be promoted to Rear Admiral on 15th August 1983. CAPTAIN R. J. HARRISON to be promoted to Rear Admiral on 15th August 1983. CAPTAIN R. J. HARRISON to be promoted to Rear Admiral on 15th August 1983.

Company of Chartered Accountants

The following have been elected officers of the Company of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales for the ensuing year: President, Mr J. C. H. Lloyd; Vice-President, Mr J. C. H. Lloyd; Treasurer, Mr J. C. H. Lloyd.

The Army

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr P. P. G. Temple and Miss V. Triggs The engagement is announced between Peter, second son of the late Colonel Sir Richard Temple, Bt, DSO, and Marie Lady Temple, of Wrotham, Kent, and Veronica, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Triggs, of Southrepps, Norfolk.

Rev Dr B. N. Kaye and Dr I. Mansfield

The engagement is announced between Bruce Kaye, of New College, University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia (formerly of St John's College, Durham), and Louise Mansfield, of Watson's Bay, Sydney.

Royal Air Force

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Mr Tony Hart, Master of the Carman's Company, branding a 1926 Ford wagon yesterday in Guildhall Yard, in the City of London, at the annual cartmarking ceremony.

RHS Show A host of golden gladioli

The summer flower show of the Royal Horticultural Society, held in the Old Horticultural Hall, Westminster, is a colourful and interesting event. Many varieties of plants are displayed by trade exhibitors, and the gladioli and tender competitions give added interest. To support these are exhibits staged by the Gladioli Breeders' Association and the Heather Society.

OBITUARY PROFESSOR JOAN ROBINSON

Leading Cambridge economist

Professor Joan Robinson, who died on August 5 at the age of 79, was a Cambridge economist who made a great contribution to the subject at a time when Cambridge University was preoccupied with the aftermath of the Second World War. She was a leading figure in the Cambridge macro-economics tradition, and her work on the theory of the over-all growth of the economy, in *The Accumulation of Capital* (1955), and in other books and articles. Related to this, she was a prominent member of the group which came to be known as the Cambridge School. She helped to develop a new dynamic theory on the foundation of Keynesian macro-economics which goes well beyond Keynes's own theoretical model. This group were united in the belief that the politically inspired revival of the approach to economics which was discredited by Keynes 40 years earlier was largely responsible for the deplorable economic and intellectual bankruptcy which was once more made fully evident.

Marriages

Mr P. P. G. Temple and Miss V. Triggs The marriage will take place in Westminster Cathedral on September 10 between David, son of Mr James Ames and Mrs M. Ames, of Forest Gate, and Julia, daughter of Mr and Mrs F. A. Arnold, of Thorpe Bay.

Latest wills

Marshall of the RAF Sir Thomas Geoffrey Pike, of Harlow, Essex, Chief of the Air Staff 1960-63 and Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Europe, 1964-67, left estate valued at £159,284. After other bequests to his wife, Mrs Pike, and to his children, the residue was left to the Society for the Promotion of Roman Studies.

Science report

How El Nino may be quietly killing the world's coral. Corals are dead or dying over vast stretches of the Pacific Ocean and in some areas of the Atlantic, in what may be the most extensive reef devastation in modern times.

Law Report August 10 1983 House of Lords

Fixing fair rents in areas of scarcity

Western Heritable Investment Co Ltd v Husband. Before Lord Fraser of Tullybelton, Lord Keith of Kintail, Lord Roskill, Lord Brightman and Lord Templeman. [Speeches delivered July 27] In fixing fair rents, rent assessment committees were entitled in accordance with section 42 of the Rent (Scotland) Act 1971 to make a scarcity deduction for accommodation in an area of relatively high scarcity. The Act was designed to favour tenants by protecting them from increasing rent which would otherwise have been caused by demand exceeding supply.

M. JEAN TROISGROS

M. Jean Troisgros, the celebrated French chef and restaurateur, died of a heart attack on August 8 while playing tennis on holiday in the spa town of Vittel in Lorraine. He was 57. With his younger brother, Pierre, he runs one of the world's most highly praised restaurants at Roanne, north west of Lyon, and together they played a key role in the development of the modern style of French cooking, marked by lightness and purity, that is known loosely as "nouvelle cuisine".

MR MATTHEW CRAWFORD

Dame Olga Uvarov writes: Mr Matthew Crawford, FRCVS, a former director of the Commonwealth Bureau of Animal Health at Weybridge, died on August 3. He took up his appointment as Director in 1955 after a distinguished career as a Government veterinary surgeon, particularly in Ceylon. He made a number of important discoveries including the existence of Plasmodium infection (akin to malaria) in chickens and Osteodystrophia fibrosa in the horse. He leaves a widow, son and daughters who nursed him lovingly through a long and trying terminal illness.

THE ARTS

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Opera Pavarotti's noble commitment

Idomeneo Salzburg Festival

While Karajan's Rosenkavalier has scintillated in majesty at the Grosses Festspielhaus, next door at the Felsenreitschule there is a new Idomeneo...

It is not exactly an obvious choice for this role, though he has done it before with Mr Levine in New York. His success, therefore, is all the more remarkable.

This is as nothing, however, compared with his handling of Electra. I cannot imagine how Elizabeth Connell might sing this part left to herself.

Lower down the cast-list the singing is more reliable than festively spectacular in the manner of Mr Pavarotti.

And that, in part, is what Idomeneo is about: the indelible mark made by something sung, the unfolding of a tragedy in stages of ever greater vocal flamboyance.

Paul Griffiths



Pavarotti's red-blooded Idomeneo, with the Idamante of Trudelliese Schmidt

Television Fighting against death

The second and latter part of Mind Over Cancer (BBC1) was concerned with death. One lady was celebrating in a hospice what she knew to be her last birthday...

Other cancer patients decide that they will not die - a decision which can have Styphean consequences. One American pushed her life up hill each day, going through a routine of radiotherapy, chemotherapy and psychotherapy.

One way to survive, it seems, is to combat natural feelings of helplessness and attempt to control the cancer: one lady insisted that her tumour would disappear, and it did so.

All these cases came from the United States, and it seems that the American predilection for self-analysis, meditation and group therapy - quite apart from the tradition of self-reliance - has its rewards.

Peter Ackroyd

The Royal Shakespeare Company is to present the premieres of two major new plays at the Barbican this autumn. They are Mondays by David Edgar (opening on October 20) in the Barbican Theatre, with previews from October 14) and Custom of the Country by Nicholas Wright (October 19 in The Pit, previews from October 12).

Dennis Russell Davies's appearance at last Friday's Promenade Concert was in fact his English public debut, not British, as stated on this page the previous day.

YOU ONLY HAVE UNTIL SAT AUG 20th TO SEE THE FAMOUS COMEDY TANZI MERMAID Theatre 01-236 5568 MUST END!!

Mstislav Rostropovich, too busy to give as much time as he wishes to the Aldeburgh Festival proper, has responded with characteristic energy and ingenuity by starting his own festival at nearby Snape.

On the eve of its opening, he talks to Hilary Finch about his deep affection for what is still Britten country, and about his attitude to his native Russia

Repaying a debt of western welcome



The Rostropovich Festival, with its master classes, informal musical evenings and Russian tea party, aims to reflect the intimacy and to repay the family welcome that Rostropovich felt in the Jubilee Hall days of Aldeburgh.

This year's grand finale, on Sunday evening, is to be a rare concert performance, with Vishnevskaya, Gedda, Petrov and past students of the Britten-Pears School...

looking forward to Saturday evening's programme of "Paintings and Music" - music chosen to provide subtlety, as it were, for an exhibition at the Maltings of the Russian portrait painter Gabriel Glikman.

Glikman now lives in Germany. Rostropovich thinks of his home as England. But other artists who remain, working out their own salvation within the Soviet system, increasingly risk harassment in their professional lives by political protest from audiences in the West.

And when Rostropovich is cold-shouldered by the country for which he is honorary musical ambassador? He shrugs his shoulders, denies any sense of exile, and asks: "Who are Shostakovich or Prokofiev, is left in Russia to say whether I am doing wrong or right? If they choose to ignore me, it is of no significance."



Alan Bates contemplates Michael Gough's irresistible drag scene

Theatre

Excessive thematic richness

A Patriot For Me Haymarket

London theatregoers planning a visit to this year's Edinburgh Festival with its "Vienna 1900" theme will find a fascinating appendix on the subject at home in the Haymarket. Transferred from Chichester with Alan Bates in the central role, John Osborne's chronicle drama presents the rise and fall of Alfred Redl, the brilliant officer in the Austro-Hungarian army who shot himself in 1913 after a long career as a double agent.

That society, and a critique of our own as Osborne saw it, is made to embrace rich characterizations and so many themes that it is a taxing task to see what lies at the centre.

beginnings by observance of army values, Redl finds that he is homosexual and, as success accelerates, pawns it in promiscuity until his opposite numbers in Russian espionage blackmail him into treachery.

Homosexuality (another Osborne theme) in Franz-Josef's Vienna, where half the officer class turn up in drag at an annual ball hosted by an ancient baron dressed as Queen Alexandra, seems a little victory of individuals against society.

Chichester, I felt a detachment and even stagginess, sometimes, keeping him from a great performance; but the part suffers from the lack of focus resulting from the richness of themes.

Of the recastings for London, June Ritchie's Countess is the most unfortunate, sailing through her doomed affair with Redl in the bad old West End coquettish acting style.

Anthony Masters

Music, outdoors and indoors

Urban Sax

Covent Garden Piazza

Among the several achievements for which Charles Ivor's father deserved to be better known was his habit of persuading several brass bands to march at once around a small American town, their sounds colliding in a random anthology. Combine Ivor's pere with Christo, the chap who wraps everything from skyscrapers in the Great Barrier Reef in swaths of plastic sheeting, and you have Gilbert Arman, a French composer and conceptual artist whose speciality might be described as acoustical town replanning.

Arman's Urban Sax is a group about 50 strong, 30 or so saxophonists, a dozen singers, two vibraphonists, three guitarists, a bass-guitar and a gong-basher, which adapts its performances to outdoor locations.

For its London debut, the inaugural event of the 1983 London International Festival of Theatre, it chose to take on the precincts of the refurbished Piazza in Covent Garden, wisely, since its open spaces, streetcrafts and diversity of flow-

rise buildings provided the ideal topography.

Clad in white-hooded boiler-suits like an SAS ski patrol, and metallic grey masks, and linked by closed-circuit radio headphones, the group began with a spectacular coup de theatre: two soprano saxophonists traded identical phrases, vaguely oriental in nature, from the top of the Jubilee Hall and the old market building, while a pair of colleagues abseiled down the side of the hall on ropes. The remainder made their entrance on four lift trucks, throwing smoke-bombs and sounding small klaxons, until they reached a common rendezvous at a stage on the market steps.

There the saxophonists, the vibraphonists and the singers stood grouped below the guitarists, who performed from the market's balcony. As dusk fell on a beautiful evening, and the descendants of the old market's pigeon population wheeled in astonishment, the ensemble performed to the sort of crowd which would have kept Acerington Stanley in business.

Philip Glass (in the repetition of minimalist saxophone phrases), the bits of Ligeti's choral music used in 2001 and Sun Ra's neo-Africanisms. Arms and instruments were waved and shaken to suggest a post-punk production of The Bacchae as night embraced a most agreeable entertainment.

Richard Williams

BBCSO/Inbal

Albert Hall/Radio 3

Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto returned to the Proms on Monday newly pondered, newly shaped and stimulating many a new-found response.

What characterized and distinguished his reading was the sheer mobility of bow, arm and finger. Translated into sound, it made of the first movement's cadenza, for instance, a seemingly improvised dance of endless invention, bending,

springing, hesitating, tensing and teasing in turn. Eloquently filtered through Eliahu Inbal's baton, which would trace the line of an orchestral soloist here, exchange a prolonged thought with a veiled hint there, each mercurial idea would find its balance in a series of musical purpose reflected in the play-off of the BBC Symphony Orchestra.

It was, indeed, the violin's evening. Earlier, we had watched it hovering between concerto and symphony in a brightly etched, chuckling performance of the orchestra's little Symphony No 7, "Le Midi"; and later we were to hear it rejoicing in its ripe, corporate identity in Dvorak's Fifth Symphony.

Here Mr Inbal would take the pulse of each movement, directing its momentum through a lithe, vital counterpoint of timbre, texture and tempo which released some particularly fine ensemble playing and liberated the sense of continuing and buoyant compositional growth at the heart of Dvorak's score.

Hilary Finch

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MARKET REPORT by Michael Clark

Rothmans dips on bid talk

ACCOUNT DATES: Dealings began, Aug 1. Dealings end, Aug 12. Company Day, Aug 15. Settlement Day, Aug 22.

The odds on a full-scale bid for Rothmans International from the American group Philip Morris are growing shorter. Reports in the market suggest that there may be a full bid for the group in the New Year.

Yesterday, shares of Rothmans slipped 1p to 113p where it is valued at £156m. But Philip Morris, which already owns nearly 25 per cent of the shares, must be impressed with Rothmans' performance since its appointment of Mr Vernon Brink as managing director in 1981.

Mr Brink was responsible for the profits surge in the Australian division from A\$7.7m (£4.6m) to A\$41.7m in five years and is now hoping for a similar performance from the group overall.

Last year pretax profits rose from £105m to £140.5m with currency fluctuations adding £30m to the final figure. But the underlying profits trend showed an increase of £18m, and for the current year the market is looking for £160m pretax.

Last week Mr Peter Bennett, analyst at broker Charles Stanley, recommended the shares as a strong buy, highlighting the effects of management changes and the prospects of a bid from Morris.

The only drawback to a bid is the 22 per cent stake held by Dr Anton Rupert's Rembrandt Group. But Mr Bennett says: "We believe it would fit Rembrandt's strategy to dispose of its holding, but even if a bid does not materialize the group's trading prospects make them a sound investment."

Elsewhere, share prices put up another firm performance despite the overnight collapse on Wall Street where the banks were busy increasing their interest charges by 0.5 per cent to 11 per cent.

Selective support enabled the FT index to close near its high for the day 3.4 up at 724.7. The market's resilience continues to mystify many brokers who believe the firmness owes more to lack of sellers than to any real support for shares.

Among the leaders, those shares where American investors have shown interest again held the stage. Beecham rose 3p to 353p. Glaxo 7p to 915p. ICI 6p to 552p, while Dunlop held steady at 47p.

Glits showed few movements of note as the pound continued to gain ground against the dollar, closing 0.3 cents up at \$1.4940 on the foreign exchange.

The latest money supply figures showing an increase of 0.75 per cent made limited impression on sentiment. The Dublin Government is attempting to play down the speculation over the latest oil find off the coast of the Republic of Ireland. Tests indicate a flow rate of 6,500 barrels a day which could provide the Republic's oil requirements over the next ten years.

More problems for Nova (Jersey) Knit, Marks and Spencer, which has always taken more than a passing interest in its suppliers' affairs, was disappointed yesterday in Nova's decision to close a fabrics factory in South Wales while the workers were on holiday. Yesterday the Nova share price was unchanged at 60p.

But Mr John Bruton, industry and energy minister, said: "The revenues even from an optimistic scenario would equal only a modest portion of one year's annual Government expenditure."

Atlantic Resources, which has the lion's share of the latest find, hit 610p a share, at one stage, before closing at 450p - a net gain on the day of 15p. Last week the shares stood at 165p.

Others to find support included Bula Resources 1p to 23p, after 26p, and Aram Energy 14p to 66p. But Moxey First slipped 2p to 66p, after 71p.

On the Unlisted Securities Market, broker Statham Duff Stoop's latest venture failed to find the support of some of its predecessors including Rio-Laita and Metal Selections. Promotions House, the travel incentive promotions group, opened at 27p compared with a placing price of 25p.

Printing ink specialist Ault & Wiborg tumbled 16p to 38p after the group announced that its talks with Sun Oil had broken down. Sun, which already owns 52 per cent of Ault & Wiborg, failed to agree a price on the rest of the company.

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Purchase creates market leader Dalgety pays £58m in deal for RHM agricultural division

Dalgety bought itself the top place in Britain's multi-million pound animal feeds, seeds and crop control business yesterday. In a deal worth £58m it bought the agricultural division of Ranks Hovis McDougall, the food group, which has decided to concentrate on its packaged food interests.



Fryce: 'no trouble raising the money'

This is the second largest deal Dalgety has ever done, topped only by the £70m acquisitions takeover bid for Spillers in 1979 which gave it a slice of the pet food market.

Engineering looks grim, says report

Britain's savagely depressed mechanical engineering industry, which has shed almost 250,000 jobs in seven years, has been warned not to expect any respite: even if the economy booms. The picture of a permanently slumped industry, with hardly any prospect of the country retaining its pre-eminent world position in engineering, is presented by the latest short-term trends survey for engineering compiled by leading employers, trade unionists and civil servants.

Penta takes over Statler

New York's Statler hotel has been bought by Ascot Associates in a deal worth £31m. Ascot is a joint venture company half-owned by Penta Hotels, in which British Airways has a one-third stake.

WALL STREET

Dow ahead in early trading

New York (AP-Dow Jones) - Stocks were narrowly mixed yesterday with no clear-cut direction. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up about 4 points after recouping a loss of a point when an early five-point gain collapsed.

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City Editor's Comment Licensed to seek new identity

By the end of next week the members of a small group of licensed dealers should have completed their draft of the articles for their proposed Institute of Licensed Dealers. They then plan to forward these to the Council for the Securities Industry, in the hope that the CSI will give the fledgling organization its blessing and might even extend an invitation to its first chairman to become one of its number.

Gilts market fears subside

The gilts market was per-versely disappointed by yesterday's money supply figures, which showed a marked easing in the rate of M3 growth. This was because expectations had built up in the past week that the last month's figure would be even lower than the 1/2 per cent announced yesterday.

Dollar slips in calmer trade

A measure of calm returned to currency markets yesterday with the dollar closing slightly lower in London although ending the day on a firm note. The dollar opened lower in London after falling overnight and was traded in London at DM 2.6820 against the German currency.

Reardon turnover halves

The British merchant fleet is down to 23 million tons, from 50 million tons eight years ago, according to Mr Charles Chatterton, chairman of Reardon Smith, which runs a small fleet of bulk carriers. "Serious consideration will soon have to be given by the Government as to how much this British lifeline will be allowed to fall," he said yesterday.

Ellerman profit recovery will not affect sale

A recovery of £5.5m from interim loss to profit announced yesterday by Ellerman Lines, the private-owned shipping, brewery and travel group, will not affect its long-expected sale. Speculators have at some time named just about every major British and foreign shipping group as a potential buyer. The seriously interested list, however, is understood to be less than six long.

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Pound aids Aaronson revival

By Wayne Lintott The pound's weakening against continental currencies earlier this year has helped produce a sharp revival in the fortunes of Aaronson Brothers, Britain's largest chipboard manufacturer.

Rotaflex profits up 47.5%

Light fittings maker Rotaflex managed a 47.5 per cent rise in pretax profits to £605,000 in the six months to end June despite the sluggish market. This thanks to better sales and cost savings.

Ocean to lose £2m despite easier debts

Ocean Transport and Trading Half-year to 30.6.83 Pretax loss £900,000 (profit £10.9m) Stated loss 6.3p (earnings 0.2p) Turnover £363.1m (£361.5m) Net interim dividend 2.15p (4.3p) Share price 87p, down 9p.

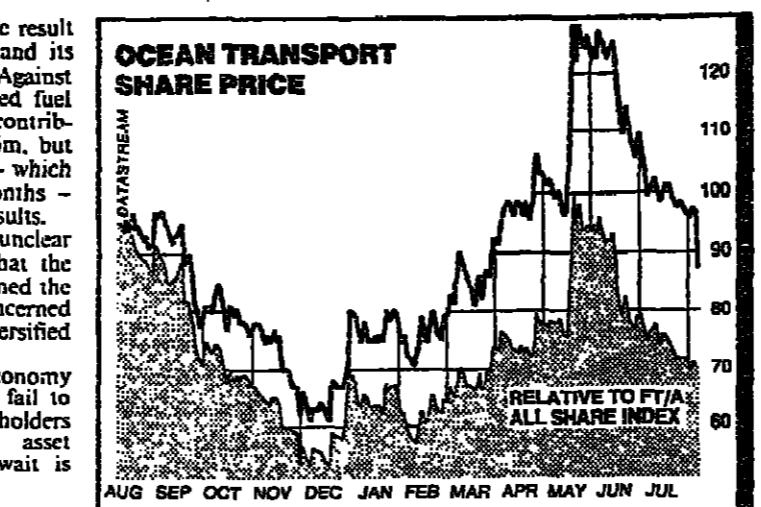
The deal with Keppel over Straits has allowed Ocean to pay off £47m of debt, mainly in the US and attributable to the stricken Nestor, the white elephant gas carrier which was largely responsible for an attributable loss of £47m last year.

Smith & Nephew

Smith & Nephew Half-year to 18.8.83 Pretax profit £19m (£15.0m) Stated earnings 4.76p (£3.85p) Turnover £152m (£132m) Net interim dividend 1.4p Share price 176p Yield 4% Dividend payable 11:10.83

Smith & Nephew's solid image is somewhat belied by the first half profits increase of 27 per cent and by a 19 per cent rise in the dividend. It is clear that the concentration, evident for while, on the higher margin medical products is paying off handsomely.

Ocean Transport and Trading SHARE PRICE



with it a currency risk, but that hardly a worry at the moment. The general evidence for the success in marketing higher margin products lies in the fact that sales rose by 17.5 per cent, rather less quickly than profits. Within the overall picture, however, Smith still has its problems.

IR & T

One does not instinctively associate Australia with "high technology" but by placing 15 million shares at 25 cents each, International Resources & Technology is asking investors to suspend disbelief. There is a fighting chance that the request is reasonable.

Bairstow Eyes

Bairstow Eyes Half-year to 30.6.83 Pretax profit £817,000 (£421,000) Stated earnings 1.52p Net interim dividend 0.805p Share price 92p unchanged Yield 0.8%

Public ownership provides on solution to the problem that many stockbroking firms, will increasingly face, new world of enhanced competition that will prevail in the next three years - how to replace the capital of rich but elderly partners who wish to retire.

Heywood Williams Group back with £1m profits

Heywood Williams Group Half-year to 30.6.83 Pretax profit £1m (£141,000 loss). Stated earnings 10.6p (17p loss). Turnover £19.5m (£15.1m). Net interim dividend 2p (nil). Share price 128p up 7p. Yield 5.5%. Dividend payable 3.10.83.

The imbalance between the first and second half results, should end this year he said. The improved profits were achieved on turnover up by £4.4m to £19.5m due to improved trade in the building industry.

COMMODITIES

Table listing commodity prices for various metals and oils. Includes sections for LONDON METAL EXCHANGE, COPPER HIGH GRADE, RUBBER, COCA, COFFEE, SUGAR, and OIL. Prices are listed in various units and currencies.

Authorized Units & Insurance Funds

Large table listing authorized units and insurance funds. Columns include fund name, bid price, offer price, and other financial details. The table is organized into several columns and rows.

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City institutions in change-3: the Stock Exchange by Philip Robinson

London's safety policy hits its world business

The traditions of the Stock Exchange, Britain's most lucrative private club, are about to be eroded.

Its members alone have dictated who may be allowed to join and how they should behave.

Ironically it has been these safeguards and restrictions which have hampered member firms from competing in a changing world which demands round-the-clock dealing in the stocks and shares of most capitalist countries.

London is losing its share of the international dealing business to those, chiefly led by the American houses, who are dealing outside the London market.

The Committee on Invisible Exports said this year that while new issues and market volume could grow by 10 to 15 per cent this year, the UK may lose some market share.

Stock Exchange brokerage fees contributed £44m to invisible earnings last year. Despite being up £10m on 1981, the figure was a drop in real terms.

Sir Nicholas Goodison, Stock Exchange chairman, says he would like to have met this challenge by revisiting the entire rule book. But the Office of Fair Trading brought legal action against the exchange, alleging parts of its rule book represented a restrictive practice against the public interest.

Unprecedented Government intervention means the case will not take place. In exchange for reforms of the rule book, the Government promises to exempt it from the Restrictive Practices Act, probably by Act of Parliament, and thus remove the basis for the Office of Fair Trading case.

The allegations on restrictive practices fell into three broad areas: the fixed minimum commissions charged to customers, the distinction between a stockjobber and a stockbroker and the restriction on membership of the exchange.

The Stock Exchange has offered changes on two of the three issues: fixed commissions and membership. The details, yet to be worked out, will demonstrate whether these are mere cosmetic changes or a fundamental reform of the system.

The Bank of England and the Department of Trade will play a significant role in what the changes will be and how they are phased in.

Minimum-commission charges are to be phased out over the next three-and-a-half years.

Sir Nicholas had wanted a longer period of transition. The institutional investors - the main users of the market - have been anxious for change for some time and are failing to see how scrapping commissions need take until the end of 1986.

Much quicker change will be on membership. This requires a vote from all the members, to amend the Stock Exchange Deed of Settlement, and is likely to be introduced in the autumn.

The Exchange proposes two innovations. The first is non-Stock Exchange members onto the ruling council, which consists of 46 people with the Government Broker at Bank of England representative an ex-officio member.

It takes all important decisions on policy and changes in practice. It endorses decisions of its 10 committees. There is no proposal to allow non-members in at the committee stage.

Non-members will also be allowed on the exchange's existing appeals committee on discipline of erring members.

But the exchange is also seeking new ground in agreeing that an appeal body, independent of the Stock Exchange, should be set up to rule on those applications for membership which have fulfilled all the rulebook requirements but have been rejected by the exchange council.

This is clearly designed to open the flood gates to American brokers, or even some of the brasher firms of licensed dealers, but it will certainly be seen as a chance to broaden the membership.

A more definite picture may emerge later when it is clear whether the appeal body will have the power to overrule the Stock Exchange Council decision.

To demonstrate its impartiality, the appeal body is more likely to be part of the Bank of England's Council for the Securities Industry. The transfer of power will be seen as a dilution of the exchange's absolute control over its own destiny.

But if the exchange is giving ground in these directions, it is solid for the time being, on maintaining the separate functions of jobber and broker.

This single capacity system - under which brokers alone are allowed to deal with the public - will be enshrined in law next year.

It is part of a wider statute, required by the EEC, for laying down minimum standards to be met for listing of securities.

Effectively it is putting into law that which the exchange has drawn up and policed on a self-regulatory basis for years, and known as the "yellow book".



Companies failing to comply with this book risk having dealings in their securities suspended. There is still discussion between the Government and the exchange on just how much of the yellow book will be taken into law.

Commission on large bargains - both in government stocks and equities - will disappear as a first step. For years the financial institutions - the big pension funds and insurance companies - have resented paying commission on multi-million-pound bargains. On gilt-edged deals these provide brokers with much of their earnings and subsidize the small investors on whose small bargains brokers often make a loss.

Dismissing from this direction would mean that the small investor would be last in line to feel the abolition of minimum commissions. Their passing will inevitably mean dealing costs will rise sharply and possibly double, for the small investor.

The exchange and Government face a big problem here. Mrs Thatcher, with plans for privatizing a string of state industries in the next four years, wants the widest possible small shareholder ownership.

Small investors may find their role changing along with the brokers. Many face little choice than giving discretion to the broker to manage their money.

The broker would thus become a fund manager charging a fee to the investors for dealing on their behalf.

What the smaller investors may sacrifice is the power of deciding what and when they wish to buy. Worldwide, the small man is not viewed as a fortune maker.

Private Investment Company for Asia (PICA) S.A. USS20,000,000 Floating Rate Notes 1986. For the six months from 10th August 1983, to 10th February 1984, the Notes will carry an interest rate of 11 1/2% per annum.

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APPOINTMENTS

Westland subsidiary names president

Westland: Mr Robert Gladwell will become president and chief executive of Westland Inc., a newly-formed, wholly-owned subsidiary to represent Westland Group activities in the United States, Central America and the Caribbean.

Smiths Industries: Dr R. S. Meaburn had been appointed director of research and product technology at the Cheltenham division of the Aerospace & Defence Systems Company.

Dowty Group: Mr M. H. Spence has been named managing director, designate of the aerospace and defence division, retaining the managing directorship of the industrial division.

Mr A. N. Thatcher becomes managing director of the electronics division, retaining the managing directorship of Dowty Electronics. Mr W. N. Squire becomes chairman of the aerospace and defence division.

Mr W. M. Hayton becomes deputy managing director of the division and chairman of Dowty Fuel Systems. Mr G. G. C. Coombs becomes managing director of Dowty Fuel Systems.



Mr Peter Mander, of Sleepceze

BUPA Hospitals: Mr Bryan Hawkins has been appointed non-executive chairman.

J. E. Lesser & Sons (Holdings): Mr Walter Goldsmith, director general of the Institute of Directors, has joined the board.

Olympic Holidays: Mr Christopher Lawson, market research, promotions and general marketing adviser, Mr Norman Strauss, strategic planning adviser, and Professor Sir Alan Walters, economic policy adviser have become non-executive directors.

EPS (Dudley): Mr Andrew Mitchell has become director specialist services and Mr William Hart, director, industrial services.

Sleepceze: Mr Peter Mander has become associate director, purchasing.

The British Council: Mr M. J. Hussey, a director of Times Newspapers, Ltd. had joined the board.

Racal-Redac: Mr Ian Orrock has been appointed managing director.

Celinda: Mr Malcolm Moss has joined the company as a director.

TAC Metal Forming: Messrs W. A. Burgess, J. R. Cauldwell and A. P. Moore, directors of TAC Construction Materials, a subsidiary of Turner & Newall, have been appointed directors.

Thames Television: Mr Tim Bradshaw has been made head of business development in the sales department.

Lyle Shipping: Mr James McMillan is to be a non-executive director. He is chairman of Scotcor and a director of McNeill Pearson.

Dixons Group: Mr Kenneth Ashcroft has joined the group as director of administration and finance of its retail division.

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Winning becomes a habit for Kratochvilova, Cova and Moses as time goes by



Play it again, Jarmila and Alberto. Jarmila Kratochvilova's victory over a second...

From Pat Dunbar, Helsinki. As she strides over a hurdle, in winning the first world championship...

American filtered at the fifth obstacle and had to be content with a time that only Schmidt...

Carl Lewis had the farthest qualifying mark of 8.37 metres in the long jump...

Judy Livermore's tenacity was no more in doubt than was Peter Elliott's...

Sue Morley's run to the final of the 400 metres hurdles was also proof of more to come...

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Wulbeck surges and Elliott's visions fade

From David Miller, Helsinki. Willi Wulbeck, a 28-year-old West German...

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CRICKET

Weary Essex lose sight of crucial victory as Middlesex score 634

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

CHELMSFORD: Essex (7 pts) drew with Middlesex (4) Essex's hopes of gaining a crucial championship victory over Middlesex...

Only the greenness of the pitch and its lack of pace jarred with me. These are the high summer days when not only the farmers but the spinners too should be reaping their harvest on hard brown pitches...

By lunch Middlesex were 296 for four. By three o'clock the match could have been received only by an altruistic declaration from Gattling...

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The bat, and hat, of a bounty hunter: Gattling on the way to his 160 (Photograph: Chris Cole)



Farcical draw as Yorkshire do their utmost to snatch defeat

By Peter Ball

HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire (7 pts) drew with Lancashire (4) The pianist, Bert, in Lancashire's Leeds Hotel, was waxing nostalgic in the bar late on Saturday night...

Plans were being made for an early departure to Worcester, Ebbw Vale, or, in most cases, Weston-super-Mare.

When Bainton swept Simmons high to square leg with seven overs remaining, Carrick denied Lancashire what would have been a second Test match.

Striding jauntily to 173

By Peter Marson

THE OVAL: Surrey (7 pts) drew with Warwickshire (3) A typically stylish and aggressive innings by Kallischaran, who made 173 not out, formed the framework to Warwickshire's innings of 323 for three declared, yesterday.

Pigott pipped in the final furlong

EASTBOURNE: Sussex (8 pts) drew with Derbyshire (3)

Sussex suffered agonies during July but in the last hour of this match they looked completely restored. Led by a fierce spell from Tony Pigott, they took eight wickets in the last 20 overs and only Derbyshire's last pair stood between them and their first win in the championship since June.

The heat is on for Jones boy

From Ivor Davis, Los Angeles

The over-ripe heat of the Las Vegas desert may force the promoters of Saturday afternoon's world welterweight championship bout between Mike Spinks and Milton McCrory to make the contest indoors.

England call-up for Lloyd

By John Woodcock

Three days after scoring his third first-class hundred of the season, against Surrey at the Oval, Andy Lloyd of Warwickshire, has been asked by the England selectors to report to Lord's this afternoon as a replacement for Graeme Fowler.

Richards rescues Somerset

WESTON-SUPER-MARE: Somerset (8 pts) drew with Northamptonshire (7)

Vivian Richards, battling late in the contest, rescued Somerset within range of victory over Northamptonshire and then saved them from defeat. He finished on 123 not out of 278 for eight wickets.

Patel has Kent on the ropes

CANTERBURY: Kent (8 pts) drew with Worcestershire (6)

Kent had to be content with five points from their drawn game against Worcestershire. They needed to score 242 to win in 185 minutes but closed at 199 for seven.

Leicester owe win to Taylor

LEICESTER: Leicestershire (23 pts) beat Nottinghamshire (6) by an innings and nine runs

The fast-medium bowler Les Taylor produced a fine performance to take Leicestershire to a 50-run victory over Nottinghamshire yesterday. He took seven for 73, and ended with match figures of 11 for 102 as Nottinghamshire were bowled out for 256 after being set a target of 307 in 273 minutes.

Brian leads MCC

Brian Bolus, a former England batsman, will captain MCC against Scotland at Glasgow on August 17, 18 and 19.

Shepherd again proves his all-round value

CHELTENHAM: Gloucestershire (23 pts) beat Glamorgan (4) by an innings and nine runs

John Shepherd again proved his all-round value to Gloucestershire by bowling them to victory against Glamorgan yesterday. He exploited a wearing pitch to take seven wickets for 64 in 32 overs as Gloucestershire were bowled out for 163.

Decisive victory

By John Watson

Galen Weston's Maple Leafs, who have enjoyed a brilliant season, beat Silemans, 7-5, in the quarter final of the National Seventeen Goal championship for the County Cup, sponsored by Tizzie Dee, at the Ivy Lodge ground, Cirencester, yesterday.

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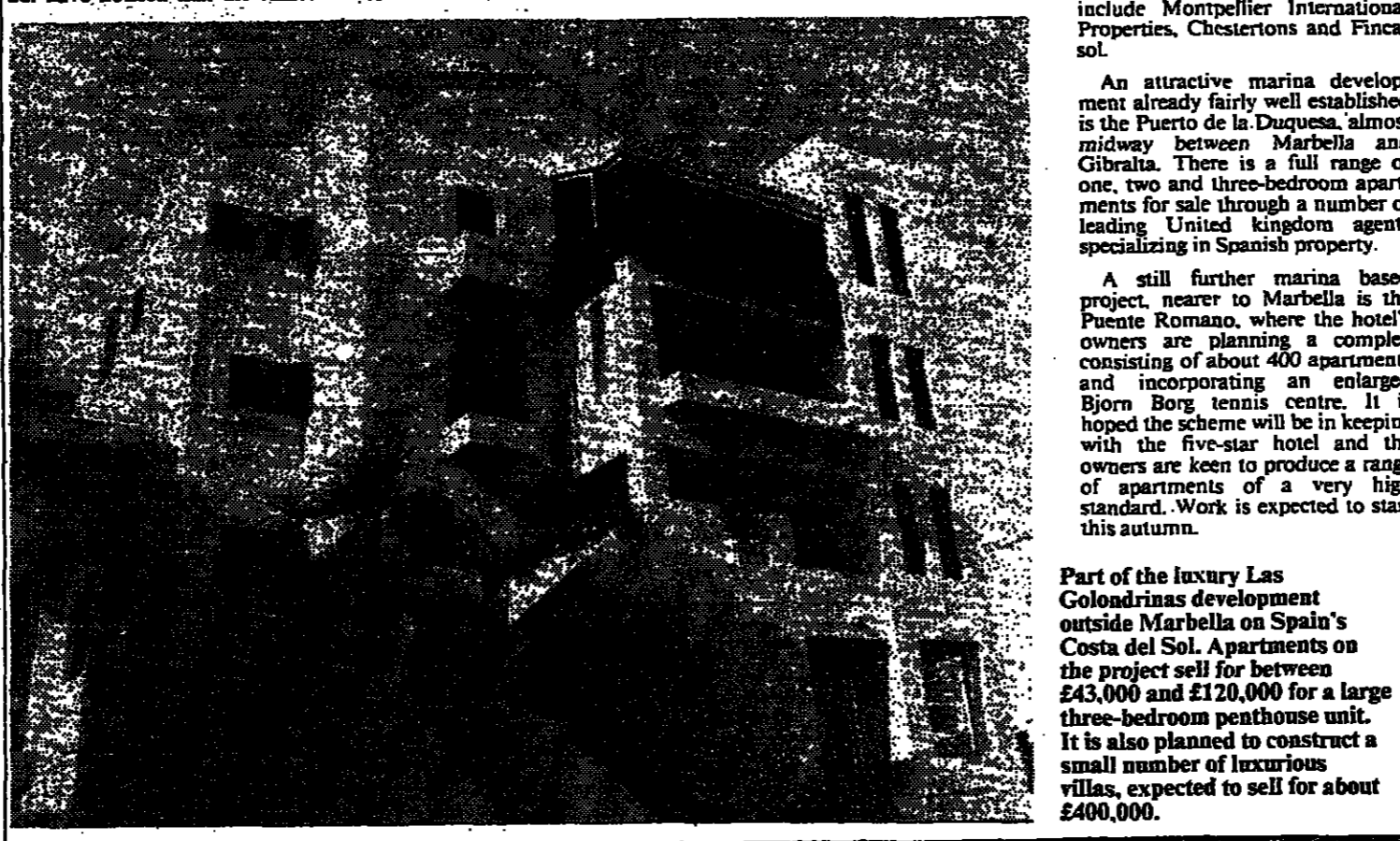
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Residential Property/Baron Phillips

Luxury villas on Costa del Sol

The purchase by Huntingdon-based Postle Hotels of the five-star Sotogrande Hotel...



Country Properties

SAVILLS Real Estate advertisement featuring listings for Outer Hebrides, East Devon, and Cheltenham.

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Humberts

Humberts real estate listings for Hampshire, Dorset/Hampshire, and Lincoln's Inn Fields.

Lane Fox & Partners

Lane Fox & Partners real estate listings for Oxfordshire and London.

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MAYFORD real estate listing for a 1.25 acre wooded setting.

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FOR SALE AT SPEED real estate listings for South Wales, West Somerset, and Attractive Stone Built Property.

Grid of small real estate listings for various locations including Cheltenham, Broad Hinton, Suffolk, Canford Cliffs, North Devon, East Loos, and others.

Property South of the Thames

Property South of the Thames real estate listings for Barnet, Rattersea Park, Kennington, and other areas.





Dying wife has baby in plane

From Tony Dubouin Melbourne

A woman terminally ill with cancer of the liver gave birth to a boy in the aisle of a British Airways Boeing 747 moments after it landed at Melbourne's Tullamarine airport yesterday.

Two ambulance men boarded the aircraft when it touched down from Sydney on the last leg of its 27-hour flight from Britain to deliver the 10-week premature child to Mrs Sheryl Skirton, aged 35.

Mrs Skirton, a nurse, had travelled from Bristol with her husband Christopher and son Vincent, aged 3, to spend the last few months of her life near her parents who live in the Melbourne suburb of Mooroolbark. She had planned to have the baby by caesarian section when it was due in October.

Only a few weeks ago Mrs Skirton had been told by doctors in England that she had only between three and six months to live.

Doctors said that only immediate radiotherapy could prolong her life but that the baby would have to be aborted. After talking it over with her husband she decided to put the baby's life first.



Sussex avenue of oaks faces the axe

The famous avenue of Mediterranean oaks at Worthing in Sussex, which has once more proved that few things can stir an Englishman's wrath more than a threatened tree (David Hewson writes).

The 150-year-old drive of Ilex which once formed the avenue to the entrance of Goring Hall has been badly affected by an incurable and terminal disease, gnomadoma. But when Worthing Council commissioned a survey which said that at least 77 of the 240 trees needed felling, they reckoned without the wrath of local residents.

Even the Queen Mother, whose family, the Bows-Lyons, used to live on the estate, has now entered the Goring Ilex lists. In a letter to one of the campaigners, her private secretary, Sir Martin Gilliat, said that the Queen Mother had asked him "to inquire of the relevant authority as to the necessity for the rather drastic step which you mention in your letter."

Mr Byron Wynne-Davies, a local surgeon prominent in the campaign to preserve the trees, conceded that more than 20 needed to be felled, but

questioned whether the rest were as dangerous as the council claims. "As a surgeon I see people every day who are injured by falling over or pavement but I've yet to see anybody injured by a tree."

A rather resigned deputy borough engineer to the council, Mr Jeffrey Greenaway, observed: "I believe the Romans used to chop off the ears of messengers with bad news. I'm afraid times haven't changed much."

Photograph, Harry Kerr

Footprints led to secret rooms

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But it was when plugs with cables leading through the ceiling were found by accident four months later that the scale of the sleep-in became apparent.

After a watch was kept on the area footprints were discovered on fan housings leading to the bedchambers.

"When we removed the bedding we found 12 parcels of sheets and an alarm clock showing the right time."

Mr Hughes said when Mr Haigh was shown the bedding he looked absolutely astounded and said: "It's amazing what you can find when you look."

The tribunal heard the three foremen denied being involved in the night's sleep-in.

But Mr Robert Smith, for Plessey Semiconductors Ltd, which employs 520 people at Swindon, said the three were in responsible positions and were guilty of conduct that justified instant dismissal.

"They were either involved in sleeping when they should have been working, or if they weren't sleeping themselves they knew that workers were sleeping when they should

have been working, or even if the foremen were not themselves involved it was their responsibility to make it known to management that the practice was occurring."

One of the dismissed foremen, Mr Cooper, said workers had been sleeping on the night shift at the Plessey factory for more than 16 years.

"We thought if we admitted to management we knew about it and had done nothing, we would have lost our jobs. There was nothing we could do."

The hearing continues today.

Britain cautious over typhoid source claim

From Mario Modiano, Athens

The outbreak of typhoid among British holidaymakers who had been on the island of Kos was caused by a waiter at the Ramira Beach Hotel, who is a "healthy carrier" of the disease, the Greek Health Ministry said yesterday.

Miss Theodora Stefanou, director of the ministry's public health department, said the carrier had been dismissed as soon as tests disclosed his condition.

"We have known this for some time, but we could not be sure until we had ruled out all other possibilities from the study of all the facts concerning the victims."

The carrier is a Greek male, who lives in Athens.

LONDON: The Department of Health said the news was encouraging but not conclusive (The Press Association reports). It wants more information before it can accept that the waiter was the source of the outbreak.

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The Guatemala coup

The day the general's luck finally ran out

Mexico City: "A de facto government can count on nothing, the whole situation can change from one day to the next." Those were General Efraim Rios Montt's remarkably perceptive words in the last interview he gave the press, last Friday in Guatemala City, before resigning as Guatemalan President.

General Oscar Mejia Victores, his Defence Minister, came to power on Monday, in the same way the former president had done, 16 months ago, in a military coup.

Nevertheless, when General Rios Montt talked to The Times and two American newspapers last week, he did so with little sense that his fall was imminent, however aware he might have been of the theoretical precariousness of his hold on power.

The general had survived a coup attempt on June 29, when, as on Monday, the National Palace was surrounded by tanks and troops. Many political analysts in Guatemala felt then that his hold on the presidency had been strengthened as a result of the crisis, even if his power had apparently been curtailed.

Dr Mario Castejon, the leader of the National Renovation Party (PNR), one of Guatemala's more prominent political parties, was one of several political figures who believed, however regrettably, that on June 29 the general had secured the continued support of the Army.

Rios Montt has lost the support of all but 10 per cent of the Guatemalan population. Dr Castejon said last week, "but while he's got the Army on his side his inevitable fall will remain in power."

The Guatemalan Army has ruled Guatemala since a CIA-inspired coup deposed the duly elected President Jacobo Arbenz in 1954. And it was the Army, inevitably, that brought retired General Rios Montt to power in a younger officers' coup on March 23 last year.

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Senior Mario Sandoval, the MLN leader, told The Times last week that the moral tone General Rios Montt brought to his first days in office were warmly welcomed by the population accustomed to corruption and death squad terror.

The general, a fervent born-again Christian, managed to sustain his popular appeal until the end of last year. Then everything changed. "A politician has never lost so much popularity in so little time", Senior Sandoval said.

General Rios Montt's initial success rested on the spectacular way in which he managed, almost overnight, to eliminate the activities of the right-wing death squads which had operated with impunity in Guatemala.

"But power went to his head, he revelled in the virtually autocratic sway he held over Guatemala", remarked Senior Alejandro Maldonado, a Christian Democrat presidential candidate and a former friend of the general.

During the course of this year General Rios Montt contrived to antagonise most sectors of Guatemalan society, including the political parties, private enterprise and the Catholic Church.

More importantly, the general antagonised the Military High Command.

When Army tanks surrounded the National Palace on June 29, one condition the general's senior colonels imposed on General Rios Montt, if he was to remain in power, was that he should remove his six young advisers, restoring the traditional Army hierarchy.

According to diplomatic sources in Guatemala City, there were a further three conditions on which the Army said he could stay in power; he should give the Commander of the World Bank, a California-based sect, a lower profile in his government; he should set a date for elections; and he should defer the imposition of value added tax.

On all counts the General failed. But the final straw that precipitated the coup, was the imposition of a 10 per cent value added tax, the first time VAT had been introduced in Guatemala.

Such a tax, a diplomat observed, would hit hard at the pockets of officers' wives, already deprived of many of their accustomed imported luxuries by the falling value of the quetzal, the Guatemalan currency.

And so on Monday, General Rios Montt's luck finally ran out.

John Carlin

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

New exhibitions: The Call of the Sea. Now and Then, including paintings by Charles Norman Longbottom, Chichester House Gallery, High Street, Ditching, Sussex; Tues to Sat 11 to 1. 2.30 to 5 (until Aug 27).

New books - hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week: A History of Industrial Design, by Edward Lucie-Smith (Penguin, £20).

Weather

A ridge of high pressure over N Britain will persist with a slow-moving, thundery low expected over France.

The papers

"Unemployment is the cloud that won't go away, even in this finest of summers", the Daily Mirror says.

Roads

London and South-east: M2 repairs at Sunbury and closed southbound at junction 7 (Basingstoke) - diversions. A41: Temporary signals at Kings Langley and Beckenham, M4: Lane closed London bound at Heston service area.

High tides

Table with columns: Location, AM, HM, PM, MT. Lists tide times for various UK locations like London Bridge, Aberdeen, Brighton, etc.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,204. A crossword puzzle grid with numbers and some filled letters.

Reselling electricity

The Central Office of Information advises that by law, a landlord who sells electricity to his tenants must not charge more than the maximum resale rate determined by the Area Electricity Board.

The pound

Table with columns: Country, Bank Buys, Bank Sells. Lists exchange rates for Australia, Austria, Belgium, etc.

Pollen forecast

Table with columns: Location, Pollen count, Peak times. Lists pollen counts for Aberdeen, Belfast, Cardiff, etc.

Around Britain

Table with columns: Sun Rise, Max, Moon rise, Min, Sun set, Max. Lists weather data for various UK locations like St Andrews, Aberdeen, Belfast, etc.

Anniversaries

Birch: Laurence Binyon, poet and critic; Lancaster 1899; Herbert Hoover, 19th President of the US; West Branch, Iowa, 1874.

Stamp discount

The Post Office's cut-price stamp book goes on sale today. The book contains 10 first class (16p) stamps costs £1.45, a saving of 15p, and is available until September 20.

Lighting-up time

London 8.34 pm to 6.59 pm. Bristol 8.22 pm to 6.49 pm. Edinburgh 8.22 pm to 6.49 pm.

Yesterday

Temperature in today's yesterday: C, Celsius; F, Fahrenheit; W, Wind; S, Sun; C, Cloud; H, Humidity.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday's highest day temp: Southampton, 28C (82F); lowest day temp: Fair Isle, 12C (54F); highest night temp: London, 18C (64F); lowest night temp: Fair Isle, 5C (41F).

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 8pm to 8pm: 27C (81F); min 8pm to 8pm: 16C (61F). Humidity: 68%.

Abroad

Table with columns: Location, C, F, W, S, C, H. Lists weather data for various European locations like Athens, Bonn, Copenhagen, etc.